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NEGROES HOLD ANNUAL FARMER'S CONFERENCE

More than 500 men, women and children attended the 16th farmers' conference and ham show at the County Training School, Camp Hill, Friday, Feb. 26. The president of the County Leaders Association, A. S. Sparks, presided. Reports were given by adult and 4-H club members on "What we are doing to help win the war."

Ressie Calloway, 4-H club girl of Ozias community, spoke on "Sound Farm Financing." Miss L. C. Hanna, state agent for women, Tuskegee Institute, spoke on the value of leadership, the importance of club work, and neighborhood leadership in this present crisis, and also crowned our 4-H club poultry and peanut queens of Tallapoosa County.

V. C. Turner, state 4-H club agent for boys, crowned the 4-H club poultry and peanut king, and spoke on 4-H club organization and the duty of 4-H club people in helping to produce food by carrying out productive projects. He said in closing, "Every 4-H club member should have something to show for his labor."

F. N. Farrington, white county agent, gave some helpful remarks some of which were, "If we use all of the manpower in this county with over 8,000 school children that we will have enough labor; are we doing all we can to help bring the war to a close so that over 7,000,000 men who are scattered all over the world can come home?" In closing, he stated that everything is about rationed except the soil and inspiration.

The main speaker for the day was Henry Howard, vocational teacher at Auburn. The address was inspiring as well as in keeping with the conference's theme: "Food will write the peace." He urged the farm people to stop living in the country and boarding in town, and this could be accomplished by increasing the production of hogs, cows, chickens, year-round gardens, and saving the food properly that is produced. He also stated that we do not have guns but we are on the battlefield just the same, because hoes and plows must back up the guns, and that we must do our part or victory won't be ours.

Mr. Winters, secretary of the Auburn Production Credit Association, stated that Tallapoosa County 4-H club boys and girls are doing more business through the association than the other five counties in this district put together. He said further that in order for good club work to be done there must be (1) leadership, (2) cooperation of father and mother, (3) interest among all concerned.

Helpful remarks were given by B. Dorsey and Mrs. Irene Jones, FSA supervisors of Tallapoosa County, Miss Johnson and John Powell, Negro county agents of Chambers County, and Miss W. E. Catlin, home demonstration agent of Lee County. The above people also acted as judges. Pauline Jackson, of Hampton community, was crowned peanut queen; she raised 700 lbs. of peanuts on a half acre. Runner ups were Fannie Mays, of Bard's community, and Evelyn Combs, of Rocky Grove. The peanut king crowned was J. R. Hughes, of New Adka, who raised 1380 lbs. on one acre. Runner ups were A. L. Jennings, of New Adka community, and Winston Rowe, of Ozias community. Katie Hill, of Ozias community, who cleared $356 on poultry after paying off $105 loan secured for this project, was crowned poultry queen. Emry Wyckaff, of the Flint Hill community, who cleared $400 on poultry after paying off his loan of $300, was crowned poultry king. These 4-H boys and girls were given defense stamps and will be taken on a trip to Tuskegee Institute and the Army Flying School. Mrs. Robbie Trimble, of Agreeable Hill, and Miss Susie Jennings, of Rome, received tokens for the secretaries having kept the best records during the past year. Lenie Mott, 4-H club girl of Wall Street, received a token for keeping the best record on canning projects.

The singing contest seemed better than ever this year. Camp Hill, directed by Miss Lether Low, and Ozias, directed by Miss Juanita Lane, tied for first place. Sandy Fork, on for the first time and directed by Miss Bertha Bozeman, was second. New Adka, directed by Mrs. Dorthy Pague, was third. The Camp Hill High School chorus rendered a lovely selection.

The color scheme was red, white and blue; the exhibits were made up of canned goods, poultry and dairy products, all types of canned foods, peanuts, corn, sweet potatoes, quilts and rugs.

In spite of the adverse conditions, we were able to give some prizes for exhibits.—Submitted.

Editor's Note. Space forbids printing of list of contributors for prizes awarded.

Alabama

News

Birmingham, Ala.

Wickard To Address Session At Tuskegee

TUSKEGEE, Ala.— (AP) —Claude R. Wickard, U. S. secretary of agriculture, will make the principal speech at next Wednesday's meeting here of the Tuskegee Negro Farmers Conference.

The conference was established by Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute, as a means of assisting rural Negroes in improving their economic condition. Next week's meeting is the 53rd annual session.

Other conference speakers will include Joe N. Pogue, state commissioner of agriculture, and H. Clifford Townsend, of the Washington office of the War Food Administration.

Tuskegee Institute's seventh annual Farm and Home Week will be held in conjunction with the conference. Study courses and demonstrations will be conducted on such subjects as "How to Make Money On the Farm" and "How to Stretch and Use Your Ration Points."

Jacksonville, Fla., Times-Union
January 25, 1943

Successful Negro Farm Meet Held

War Production Goals Discussed at Florida A. and M. College.

Special to Times-Union.

TALLAHASSEE, Jan. 24.—A special meeting was called here last week to explain and discuss the 1943 agricultural production goals of Florida's negro farming population.

The meeting, held at the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, was attended by many of Florida's outstanding white and negro agricultural leaders.

Representatives of rural negro families from 35 counties were present and obtained specific information regarding farmers' war aims to carry back to their respective communities.

The meeting was sponsored by the A. and M. College, assisted by the State Agricultural Extension Service of Gainesville and Tallahassee.

The co-operating agencies and individuals consisted of the following:

The Vocational Agricultural and Home Economics Departments of the college, Jeans workers, the State Defense Council, the State Department of Agriculture and the Florida Farmers' Co-operative Association.

Discussions during the day centered around farm labor problems, proper care of necessary farm equipment, the urgent need for observance of food and other ration rules, as well as the importance of the farmers growing more of the food commodities consumed this year, in order to help support the war effort.

These goals were enumerated at the close of the meeting, including maintenance of better health of the farm family and better living on the farm through cultivating habits of thrift.

Adressing the meeting and instructing the groups were:

Dr. J. R. E. Lee, president, A. and M. College; T. J. Brooks, assistant commissioner of agriculture; Miss Mary E. Keown, State home demonstration agent; George L. Burr Jr., chairman, State Defense Council; A. P. Spencer of the extension service, and other extension agents and specialists from Gainesville.

The field agent for negro extension service in seven Southern States, T. M. Campbell, of the Tuskegee Institute, Ala., praised the fine team work of Florida rural workers and in his talk referred to the outstanding contribution made to the agricultural industry of the South by the late Dr. George W. Carver, and what it has meant to agriculture as a whole.

Assisting President Lee in arranging for this special meeting were:

Dean B. L. Perry, Agricultural Department of the College; I. L. Hollins, dean, home economics; P. O. J. Singleton, itinerant teacher, home economics; L. A. Marshall, itinerant teacher, vocational agriculture; A. A. Turner, district farm agent, and B. S. Shute, district home demonstration agent, Tallahassee.

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Negroes Hold Farm Meeting

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Last Tuesday Twiggs county colored farmers and students met at the Jeffersonville school to swap experiences and hear important leaders, white and colored, outline some plans for meeting the enormous food goals set up by the secretary of agriculture.

The keynote of the conference was sounded by the FSA supervisor, Mr. E. G. McCants. He stressed the necessity of every man, woman and child on the farm putting his or her all to help produce the foods most necessary in the war effort, such as meat, milk, eggs, poultry. Miss Julia Parker, home supervisor, besides stressing these foods, also laid great emphasis on larger gardens and more canning and conserving.

B. D. Ashley, J. A. Brown, Charley Todd, Mrs. M. L. Josey and other leaders made fine reports as to how well people in their communities responded to the appeal to plant bigger and better gardens; and raise more hogs, more chickens and eggs last year. Each leader mentioned neighbors of their who had never before had a garden. They had one last year, and the prospects are for much better ones this year and more of them.

At the conclusion of this meeting which was in charge of county agent, S. H. Lee, all went to the meeting called by the War Board at the court house. Both meetings were well attended and very informative.

Ft. Valley, Ga., Leader-Tribune
January 21, 1943

Negro Farmers Hold Meeting

Despite the bad weather a large number of negro farmers and wives attended the countywide meeting held in the courthouse Jan. 19. The 1943 War-Farm, Food for Victory and Defense program and goal were explained by government officials and educators for the state and county office.

The Food for Victory and Defense program and goal were explained by P. H. Stone, state agent. Alex Hurse, state agent for 4-H club work in Georgia, outlined how community and neighborhood leaders could help carry out the Food for Victory program by reaching those near him. He also outined the 4-H program stressing the importance of 4-H work as one of the great organizations in the Food for Victory program.

The meeting brought to the farmers and farm wives information which wil be of value to them O. S. O'Neal, agent, gave a demonstration on trimming meat.

Macon, Ga., Telegraph
January 31, 1943

CONFERENCE FOR NEGROES

ALBANY, Jan. 30 — Training conferences for Negro leaders with an attendance of 100 persons representing 20 recently organized communities were conducted this week in Leesburg and Dawson by W. R. King of Albany, Negro county agent for this district. A farm program was approved, 71 leaders pledged to the food supply program, and planned to increase cash crops and livestock production.

Blakeley, Ga., News
February 4, 1943

NEGRO FARMERS' CONFERENCE TO BE HELD FRIDAY, FEB. 12

The annual Farmers Conference will be held at the Carver High School, Jakin, Friday, February 12, 1943. This conference has formerly been held at the Early County Training School.

Activities will begin at 9:30 a. m. CWT, and will include group discussions, livestock judging, and exhibits of farm products, canning, household articles and other farm and labor-saving devices made by the boys and girls in the Vocational classes. Farmers and housewives are asked to bring sample products as they have done in other years.

Everybody is asked to come and help in making Early county Number 1 in the Food for Victory drive.

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There will be special lectures on the 1943 Aim in the Production of Agricultural Products.

—B. T. Warren and E. L. Donald,
Teachers of Voc. Agriculture.

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Daily World
Atlanta. Ga.

Farmer Honored By Jackson College Farmers' Confab

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JACKSON, Miss.—(SNS)—Jackson College holds its second annual Farmers' Conference Friday, February 12 at which time special honor will be accorded Roddie Pridgett, farmer of Rankin County and first Negro FSA Tenant Purchase client in the U. S. A. to pay off, in full, his farm loan.

A large gathering of farmers, their families, farm agents and friends are expected. Special demonstrations in nutrition, canning and other aspects of food production and conservation will be sponsored by the teachers in the college's Area of Practical Problem of Rural Living.

FEB 12 1943

Judge J. Morgan Stevens will be guest speaker at the afternoon session which convenes at 1:30 o'clock. The college band will provide music for the occasion.

Jackson, Miss., News
February 12, 1943

Farmers To Meet For Conference At Negro School

Meeting for their second day of conference, farmers will convene on the campus of the Mississippi negro training school Friday, to hear Judge J. Morgan Stevens, former State Supreme Court Judge of Mississippi and the state director of the FSA and to discuss their problems in individual meetings. In order that the farmers may attend the meeting of their choice, the morning session will be broken up into sections.

T. P. Clayton, owner and manager of the Mississippi Hatcheries located in Jackson, will lead the discussion on poultry and livestock, while a representative of the state health department will be present to lead the discussion on problems relating to health assisted by the local nurse in charge at the college, Orelia Harris. The field crops section will be led by a representative of the state extension department, assisted by the agriculturist in charge at the college, J. D. Hardy, and the section dealing with nutrition and crafts will be led by a member of the state nutrition department, assisted by Augusta Zuber, and Juanita Jackson, of the college.

Ripley, Tenn. Enterprise
March 19, 1943

NEGRO FARMERS MEET

The Annual Conference of Farmers and Homemakers of Lauderdale county was held at the Lauderdale County Training School March 11-12. Farmers are war-conscious and victory-minded and realize that since the boys on the battlefront cannot afford to stop fighting because of clouded skies and rainy weather, farmers on the home front must continue their fight in the spirit of the Conference theme, "Building V-Homes by Saving, Serving and Conserving," despite the rain.

The Conference proper was opened Thursday morning with Miss L. O. Seet, Jeanes teacher, presiding. Mrs. R. C. Jones led in singing, "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian." Mrs. G. A. Pierson offered prayer. Music, "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder."

Rev. L. Nelson analyzed the theme as follows: Save means to get and keep it; Service means to use it to win victory; Conserve means to keep it. The topic, "Standards for American Homes" was introduced by Rev. Nelson. He gave the following standards of a Chinese home: (1) Family Altar; (2) Every member of the family must learn to read, if capable; (3) All who can, should read the Bible daily; (4) A daily task for everyone in the home to perform; (5) Everybody knows where the family money goes; (6) Man of one wife; (7) Every child must know the constitution of his own nation.

A standard is a staff that supports and feeds its believers. Home standards have been lost in modernism.

Challenge: Let us get a home standard for America.

Mrs. Mattie McClellan expressed herself in the belief, that it's the little things that count. Read daily news, obey black-out orders, raise food for victory, conserve old and waste materials, and petition to our Heavenly Father, in prayer, for victory. Other contributors to the topic were Mrs. Jones, of Mt. Zion, and Mrs. G. A. Pierson, who stressed the idea of sharing with your neighbor and the necessity of being humble and steadfast in maintaining the standard of V-homes.

During the afternoon session, an open forum was conducted by the Jeanes Teacher and Mrs. A. L. Nelson. Mrs. Nelson described nutrition as that which nourishes the body. The preparation of food is the most important factor in nutritive value of food. Foods should be chosen and eaten in the right proportion.

The following questions were discussed: (1) What causes deformities? (2) What does food have to do with insanity? (3) What is a criminal? Deformities are caused by improper diet during the pre-natal state. Iron and calcium are good agents for regulating the body processes. Calcium foods are needed to help develop brain cells. Tomato and orange juices are good sources.

Mrs. Nelson recommended that every person grow a victory garden and can. Eat more vegetables and less meat. Never attempt to can meats or non-acidous vegetables without the use of pressure cookers.

The Friday session was presided over by President S. H. Johnson. The group was called to order and Miss Charlie Jones led in singing, "Steal Away." Rev. L. Nelson offered prayer. Following the organization period, President Johnson described the various types of classes available for adults: (1) Part Time; (2) Evening; (3) OSY course; (4) OSYA course. Reports on the various classes conducted in the county were given and the instructors of Lynn, Golden Gate, El Canaan, Gold Dust, Key Corner, Mt. Zion, Mt. Pleasant and Henning. These leaders conducted a quiz and round-table discussion on "What is a Victory Garden? What did you raise in your garden last year? What do you have in your year-round garden of last year? In the preparation of food, are the cooks of today better than those of 25 years ago?"

A Victory Garden was described as being a garden that produces the largest variety of vegetables possible with one or more vegetables growing the year round. The need for more victory gardens was stressed and methods on the preparation and upkeep of same were given.

The following Academic Tests were conducted for pupils: Art Craft, Spelling, Arithmetic, Brain Teasers, Schools at War Scrapbooks and English Composition. Sgt. Joseph H. Taylor, of McChord Field, Washington, donated a prize of $2.00 for the best English composition on "How to Make America Strong." Other awards were given by the conference. The Loving Cup was won by Johnson Annex School.

Thursday night the senior class of the Lauderdale County Training School presented a drama, "Song of My Heart," under the supervision of Mrs. J. C. Brent. The program representing the elementary schools of the county was presented by Gold Dust, Mt. Pleasant, Palmer-Turner and Johnson Annex. Due to the continued rain and lack of transportation facilities other schools were not able to participate.

Officers elected for the Women's Department for 1943-44 were: Mrs. Pennie Lake, president; Mrs. L. Z. Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Elmer F. Bradford, secretary; Miss Sidney Stokley, assistant secretary; Miss L. O. Seets, chairman of program committee. For the Men's Department, Prof. S. H. Johnson, president; S. L. Taylor, 1st vice-president; J. W. Love, 2nd vice-president; H. D. Driver, 3rd vice-president; A. Lockard, secretary; J. C. Jones, assistant secretary; J. W. Halliburton, treasurer.

REPORTER.

Farming for victory may become farming to eat; it has occurred in other sections of the world.

NEGROES TO GET FACTS ON IMPROVED FARMING

Memphis, Tenn. Commercial Appeal
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Conference To Be Held Tuesday At Holly Springs

Special to The Commercial Appeal

HOLLY SPRINGS, Miss., March 13.—A farmers' and housewives' conference on agriculture and home economics will be held at Mississippi Industrial Negro College Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 4:30.

The conference is sponsored by Miss Susie Davis, home demontration agent; J. W. Pernell, county farm agent, and Lessye Lee Davis, negro home demonstration agent. The theme is "The Farmer's Part In Winning the War" and the objective is "Improved Methods of Producing More Food and Better Livestock." W. M. Frazier, president of M. I., will preside.

Others on the program are: Joe N. Byrd and Miss Roanoke Rogers of the Marshall County Farm Security Administration; H. A. Rather, president of the Farm Bureau; Olin Smith, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; Miss Ruth Harris, welfare agent; E. B. Ferris, director of the Holly Springs Experiment Station; R. W. Elliott, soil conservationist; H. L. Davis, superintendent of education; Mrs. Ben White, supervisor of school lunchrooms; Miss Adele Deering, county health department; T. T. Blacklidge, sanitation supervisor; Dr. L. M. McCoy, president of Rust Negro College; Alice Carter Oliver, negro state home demonstration agent; J. P. Davis, negro field agent AAA committee, Little Rock; Cyrilla Phillips, county Jeanes agent, and the Rev. N. M. Means and several successful negro farmers.

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North Carolina

Oxford, N. C. Ledger
June 11, 1943

Negro Farmers To Obtain Registered Jersey Dairy Stock

At a recent meeting of Negro farmers of the Antioch Community, a registered Jersey Cattle Club was organized.

The object of the organization is to raise the standard of cattle grown on the farms of the Antioch and adjoining communities and also to increase the production of milk on the farms of the Community.

Orders were placed in the meeting for seven registered Jersey heifers and one registered Jersey Male.

Officers of the club are A. W. Howell, president, Claude Parham secretary, John Parham, treasurer and J. R. Redding, advisor and purchasing agent.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Laurens, S. C., Advertiser
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Colored Farmers To Meet At Clinton

J. T. Mims, superintendent of Bell Street colored school, Clinton, has arranged a farmers' meeting at his school January 28 at 8:00 p. m. C. B. Cannon, county agent, J. E. Fagan, assistant agent, and Miss Jennie E. Coleman, home demonstration agent, have been asked to take part on the program. The agents will discuss Better Farm Living under war time conditions, and plans for meeting goals set up for Laurens county farmers in the production of crops and livestock.

Clinton, S. C. Chronicle
January 21, 1943

Meeting Planned For Colored People

Thursday, January 28, 1943, C. B. Cannon, county farm agent and Miss Jennie Coleman, county home demonstration agent, are scheduled to talk to the Negroes of Clinton and adjoining vicinities at Bell Street school at eight o'clock p. m.

The program is intended to inform Negroes in this vicinity how they may help the government and themselves in this crisis.

Most authorities and far-sighted individuals admit that this is a crisis the like of which has never been seen in our American history. We must unhesitatingly use the virtues of our foreparents who believed in preserving foods by canning and drying and any other methods which would guarantee the preservation of the foods during periods in which they are not grown.

Every home in Clinton and around Clinton can raise enough vegetables for their own use in their own back yard. They can also preserve enough food for their own family. Necessity may force us to this point; therefore, we are trying to see the need and act accordingly before the force comes.

We are asking every thoughtful citizen to be responsible for one or two Negroes being present at this meeting.

Our home economics teacher has directed a program which we feel was of much help to those who took part. One family of five is reported as canning 125 quarts composed of vegetables, preserves, fruits and berries last summer.

Every family in the community could have done the same.

Start now to make your home comfortable and happy by efforts to have balanced rations of palatable foods. J. T. W. MIMS, Principal, Bell Street School.

Columbia, S. C. State
February 20, 1943

NEGRO FARMERS MEET

Barnwell, Feb. 19.—The annual tenant purchase borrowers' meeting for Negro clients of the Barnwell county farm security administration will be held at the Rosenwald Negro school Saturday of this week. All Negro clients are urged to attend the meeting as there will be several important matters discussed, according to G. F. Posey, county supervisor of the FSA.